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The Honorable David E. Price  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and  
Urban Development, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and  
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Dear Chair and Ranking Member,

I am requesting funding for the Jacksonville Urban League Economic Community Development Foundation Community and Veterans Empowerment Center.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Richard Danford with the Jacksonville Urban League, 903 W. Union St., Jacksonville, FL 32204.

The funding would provide Jacksonville Urban League Economic Community Development Foundation \$2,000,000 for the renovation and construction of the Community and Veterans Empowerment Center through the Economic Development Initiative. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer's funds because the area this center will serve has the lowest income population in the city with the highest unemployment and lowest performance on health indicators. The facility will be designed as a service and community center with a focus on research, tele-mental health service, training, and a technological veteran's experience as a means of supporting veterans and their families. The building will provide a varied and comprehensive range of service, such as diagnostic service, rehabilitation service including education and vocational programs, training, research and evaluation. These services will be easily transferred from one type to another and these services will be provided regardless of a client's ability to pay.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson  
Member of Congress